

The influence of the Internet seems to be unstoppably pervasive. Here at TFR we have already invited readers to email us their news, views and comments on TFR and the industry we serve. As I said in a recent editorial, this has proved to be quite popular so keep those emails coming in.

There is a lot of info available on the Internet and it's "free". The problem is that it is not organised and so far there are no directories etc to help locate the info you are looking for. Doing so can be difficult and time-consuming. Even though it is "only the cost of a local phone call" it can prove expensive.

If our mailbag is anything to go by, new info is appearing on the net all the time so it's hard to keep up. So we thought it would be a useful addition to our service to the readership if we started a news page reporting on the whereabouts of III-Vs-related info on the net.

We begin the series with some news from INSPEC and the EC CORDIS on the World Wide Web (WWW) but we invite readers to comment (via e-mail) and tell us about new net sources they may have come across, please contact me on: r.szveda@elsevier.co.uk

INSPEC

INSPEC enhances Electronics Letters Online

Electronics Letters Online (ELO), the IEE's pioneering electronic journal, is being enhanced through an upgrade to the graphical user interface, Guidon. Guidon, produced by OCLC, allows the reader to access the journal across the Internet and combines intuitive, full-text searching with sophisticated graphical images. Using Guidon, the reader sees the full text of each article, including figures, tables and equations, in a high-quality format. Guidon supports full-text searching by subject, title,

author, keyword, date, and a full range of Boolean and proximity operators.

Guidon 3.0, now being released, offers two main enhancements to ELO. It will support grey-scale images. These will be displayed and printed at 100 dpi with up to 256 levels on the grey scale. The improved images will increase the readability and effectiveness of the journal.

Readers will also be able to send electronic enquiries to the Executive Editor via ELO. Guidon 3.0 contains a text-editor, so that the reader can compose or upload a message and send it electronically.

The 1995 subscription price for ELO is £470 (+ UK VAT where applicable). There is a combined subscription price for the online and printed versions of £705 (+ UK VAT). Both the single and combined subscriptions to ELO entitle the subscriber to an unlimited amount of online usage via a single simultaneous access to the journal. Access for up to five simultaneous users is available for an additional £470 (+ UK VAT where applicable).

The IEE is developing Internet World-Wide Web and gopher services covering a range of information including Institution news, events, membership, library services and, in particular, details of the IEE Publishing and Information Services. Full details of all publications are included: books, journals, conference publications, distance learning material and INSPEC services. Additional information such as new publications and services, advertising rates, guides to authors and the text of INSPEC Matters is also available (starting with the September 1994 issue). All of this will be updated regularly and can be accessed on the Internet via either the Web or gopher server.

The servers are still in the pilot phase, and future improvements proposed include links to other relevant Web and gopher servers, such as those of online hosts, and FTP access to demonstration software such as for Electronics Letters Online and access to the IEE Library Catalogue. INSPEC welcomes customer suggestions by e-mail to inspec@iee.org.uk.

Customers wishing to have a preview of the servers may do so on:

<http://www.iee.org.uk> (for the WWW server) and gopher.iee.org.uk (for the gopher).

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The EC CORDIS is to open lines to the WWW node on the Internet

The Community R&D information service (CORDIS) web site "gives the ability to enter data and register expressions of interest online", the EOI service has been set up so that any organization wanting to put forward a project for consideration for funding under the forthcoming Calls for Proposal for the IT Programme (1994-98) under the Fourth Framework Programme can do so quickly and efficiently.

Enquirers can quickly register their interest and search for possible partners and it will provide info on the CORDIS service and products, with the facility for downloading software plus an email message mailbox for the CORDIS team in Luxembourg. There is also an electronic document delivery service (EDOCCEL) covering info packages on Open Calls, RTD policy papers etc.

The WWW address is: <http://www.cordis.lu/>

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